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Antigen Testing Process September 16, 2021

In an effort to help support the continued operation of agencies and organizations throughout the state of Texas, the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) has provided at no cost to various state agencies and organizations across the state a number of COVID-19 test instruments in an attempt to curb the transmission of the virus. Participating agencies and organizations will be required to be trained on proper testing protocols, including test administration and reporting of results as required by law.

As a part of this program, interested agencies and organizations will be provided with delivery of an allocation of COVID 19 antigen test kits, product training, and support to refill supplies as available. These rapid test kits are for the exclusive use and control of the individual agencies upon receipt. **This program's key mandate is the required state and federal reporting when the actual test kit is used.**

Participating agencies and organizations will need to follow the guidance on the Test Coordinator Responsibilities document.

Participating agencies will need to:

- 1) Each agency will have at least one individual register and complete the test administrator training for the specific COVID-19 antigen test used by that agency. Registration and training can be found at www.preparingtexas.org.
- 2) Once the agency has at least one individual who successfully completes the applicable COVID-19 antigen test training, that agency can make a request with TDEM for delivery of test kits.

In materials provided at COVID-19 Antigen Testing – TDEM (texas.gov), you will have access to the FAQs, certified training, required legal reporting processes, and logistical re-supply procedures.

Keep in mind there may be limits to the antigen testing materials supplied to the State of Texas as well as the potential for interruption of the supply through the national distribution chain. We will strive to keep the Testing Coordinators apprised of supply interruptions or changes as this program moves forward.



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Agencies and organizations with questions may reach out to TDEM for guidance and operational support at (512) 695-1357. TDEM can be reached by e-mail as listed below:

For questions and guidance: antigentesting@soc.texas.gov

For test kit supply requests: resupply@tdem.texas.gov